

DOMESTIC PERSONAL PROPERTY RATE SOLICITATION D-9

CHAPTER I - POLICY

ITEM 100.

APPLICATION OF RATE SOLICITATION

a. The Domestic Personal Property Rate Solicitation, hereafter referred to as "rate solicitation," is applicable to household goods shipments (as defined in Chapter 8) transported for the account of the entire Department of Defense (DOD), including civilian-appropriated and non-appropriated fund employees and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG).

b. The provisions of this rate solicitation apply to the transportation rates and to the accessorial rates and/or charges filed in separate and related individual rate filing at the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC). **Except as otherwise provided, the Transportation Service Provider's effective rate on file on the date of pickup is applicable. All rates and/or charges are expressed in U.S. dollars and cents per net hundredweight (CWT), unless otherwise stated, and are applicable based on the pickup date of the shipment.**

ITEM 101.

EXCEPTIONS TO RATE SOLICITATION APPLICATION

a. **This solicitation is not applicable for the following moves:**

(1) Local Moves (Drayage). Tenders applying for procurement of local services must be filed directly with the applicable personal property shipping office (PPSO) for processing. However, most local moves are procured under locally administered packing and containerization contracts. Transportation Service Providers must determine applicable procedures at each installation.

(2) International Through Government Bill of Lading (ITGBL) Moves. See International Personal Property Rate Solicitation, and reissues thereof, for filing single factor rates for international personal property shipments.

(3) One-Time-Only Moves. See International Personal Property Rate Solicitation and reissues thereof.

(4) International Volume Moves. International volume moves are covered in the International Personal Property Rate Solicitation and reissues thereof. See Chapter V of this rate solicitation for domestic volume move procedures.

(5) Domestic Mobile Home/Boat One-Time-Only Moves. See "Mobile Home/Boat Rate Solicitation" and reissues thereof.

ITEM 102.

RATE SOLICITATION MODIFICATIONS AND REISSUES

Modifications and reissues will be accomplished by posting the amended page(s) and reissue(s) of the rate solicitation on the World Wide Web at <http://www.sddc.army.mil>. Page modifications will be noted in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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ITEM 103.

**PARTICIPATION IN THE SDDC DOMESTIC
PERSONAL PROPERTY RATE SOLICITATION**

a. A Transportation Service Provider agrees to participate in the rate solicitation when submitting rates under the provisions of these instructions for interstate and intrastate traffic. All rules and regulations governing the application of individual rate records/tenders submitted in the prescribed format are contained in this rate solicitation. This rate solicitation will not be altered in any manner. Participating Transportation Service Providers are to retain this rate solicitation.

b. There will be two rate filing cycles each year. Both Interstate and Intrastate rate filing deadlines will be announced prior to their expiration on the SDDC Personal Property web page (<http://www.sddc.army.mil>) under "Personal Property/POV," then "Domestic," then "...more," then "Rate Filing Schedules." Transportation Service Providers are strongly urged to check the SDDC web site frequently for changes to the schedules. The rate filing cycle effective May 1 will be identified as DS (year), i.e., DS98. The rate filing cycle effective November 1 will be identified as DW (year), i.e., DW98.

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ITEM 105.

ACCEPTANCE OF RATES - OPTION TO EXTEND OR MODIFY

a. SDDC reserves the right to reject any or all offers; to waive informalities in offers received; to negotiate, accept, or reject initial or subsequent submissions without discussion of rates; to nonuse or cancel any rate upon 15 days notice; and resolicit rates. Additionally, SDDC reserves the right, on 15 days notice, to:

- (1) extend the effective period of rates by 45 days to modify the rate filing period;
- (2) change the type of rates being solicited;
- (3) resolicit rates as a result of Government or Transportation Service Provider actions; and/or
- (4) take any appropriate action to protect the Government's interests in response to delaying court injunctions, data processing failures, strikes, embargoes, and other policy or economic situations.

ITEM 106.

**TRAFFIC OFFERED TO LOW RATE RESPONSIVE RESPONSIBLE
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS**

a. Competitive individual rate records/tenders under this rate solicitation shall be received from qualified DOD-approved individual Transportation Service Providers and licensed forwarders. Any and all rates received may be rejected because of unreasonably high prices. Traffic requirements will be offered to those low rate responsible Transportation Service Providers whose tenders are responsive and most advantageous to the Government. A responsible Transportation Service Provider is one who:

- (1) is listed on the DOD list of approved Transportation Service Providers and forwarders,
- (2) has appropriate operating authority and licenses,
- (3) has adequate financial resources,

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(4) has the ability to comply with required delivery and performance schedules, and

(5) has a satisfactory record of performance and integrity and is otherwise qualified under applicable law and regulations.

b. Tenders of rate bureaus and associations engaged in collective rate-making functions inconsistent with the Government's goal to maximize competition are not solicited and shall not be accepted.

ITEM 107.

INDUSTRY RATE SUBMISSIONS

a. Interstate Program. Transportation Service Providers are solely responsible for the submission and quality control of their rates, in accordance with the procedures prescribed in Chapter VI. **The failure of submissions to actually arrive in the anonymous File Transfer Protocol (FTP) computer at SDDC by the designated filing date will result in nonacceptance of the submissions.** Transportation Service Providers/Automated Data Processing (ADP) agents are responsible for the selection and actions of their on-line service provider. Transportation Service Providers are also responsible for any internal company computer security and control/use of issued passwords for access to the FTP computer. SDDC may, however, grant Transportation Service Providers/ADP agents one additional opportunity, within 4 working hours after notification by SDDC, to submit a new FTP file if the original file fails to process or complete loss in transmission before the filing deadline is proven. SDDC will produce a summary of rates on each FTP file submitted. An analysis will be completed to identify any major problem, such as lack of interstate DOD approval for a particular Standard carrier alpha code (SCAC), rejection of total rate field, etc. SDDC does not guarantee that all rejections and/or errors will be identified through this analysis.

b. Intrastate Program. Each Transportation Service Provider is completely responsible for the proper preparation and submission of its individual rate tenders (IRTs), in accordance with the procedures and formats prescribed in Chapter VII. Tenders must be legibly typed in black ink. IRTs, or supplements thereto, will not be altered in any way. **The use of correction tape, "white-out" or "pen and ink" is not permitted.**

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this rate solicitation, a Transportation Service Provider may be requested to provide equipment, personnel, and services not described herein to accommodate surges to the Government's requirements. These requirements may materialize in the event of a declaration of war, national emergency, natural disaster, or other unforecasted contingency of a military or humanitarian nature. SDDC may, at any time, negotiate with Transportation Service Providers to make changes in writing or orally (to be formalized in writing) to the work ordered that is within the general scope of this rate solicitation, with compensation mutually agreed upon by SDDC and the Transportation Service Provider(s) involved. Changes may include, but are not limited to:

(1) terms and conditions of the rate solicitation, such as tonnage increases or extended delivery areas;

(2) method or manner of performance of the work, to include extended operating hours;

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(3) acceleration in the performance of work.

b. Any other written or oral order from any source other than as directed by SDDC that causes a change shall be considered only after the Transportation Service Provider gives SDDC written notice stating the date and circumstances, and the source of the order. The Transportation Service Provider may process the changes as set forth below, upon approval by SDDC.

c. Except as provided in this provision, no order, statement, or conduct of any transportation official shall be treated as a change under this provision or entitle the Transportation Service Provider to an equitable adjustment. No proposal by the Transportation Service Provider for an equitable adjustment shall be allowed if asserted after final payment.

d. Billing. Line haul and accessorial charges under this provision will be billed at the levels agreed upon under paragraph a(1) above. In cases where there is insufficient time to reach prior agreement on charges, the Government is to make an equitable adjustment in charges upon receipt of the Transportation Service Provider's billing, documenting the charges and costs for services as verified and approved by the personal property shipping office. The Transportation Service Provider shall provide the bill of lading BL, carrier waybill, and other supporting documentation. The BL must contain the following statement and/or entry:

"These charges are in accordance with adjustments or negotiations for services authorized by SDDC message/letter dated _____, Subject: _____, Item/Rule Number _____, Publication Number _____."

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DOD PEACETIME AND CONTINGENCY (VISA) SEALIFT REQUIREMENTS

a. The Secretary of Defense has approved the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) as a sealift readiness program for the purpose of Section 909 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1248).

b. The objective of VISA is to provide DOD a coordinated, seamless transition from peacetime to wartime for the acquisition of commercial sealift and intermodal capability to augment DOD's organic sealift capabilities.

c. VISA is designed to create close working relationships between the Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Transportation Command, and participants through which contingency needs and the needs of the civil economy can be met by cooperative action. During contingencies, participants are afforded maximum flexibility to adjust commercial operations by Carrier Coordination Agreements (CCAs), in accordance with applicable law.

d. Transportation Service Providers filing rates in response to this solicitation must comply with the VISA priorities listed below for the ocean portion of the overall movement. For the purpose of this item, to allow VISA participants the first opportunity to directly meet DOD requirements, the underlying ocean bill of lading must be issued by a VISA participant to qualify for priorities (1), (3), and (5).

(1) U.S.-flag vessel capacity operated by a participant and U.S.-Flag Vessel Sharing Agreement (VSA) capacity of a participant.

(2) U.S.-flag vessel capacity operated by a non-participant.

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(3) Combination U.S./foreign flag vessel capacity operated by a participant and combination U.S./foreign flag VSA capacity of a participant.

(4) Combination U.S./foreign flag vessel capacity operated by a non-participant.

(5) U.S.-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity and VSA capacity of a participant.

(6) U.S.-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity and VSA capacity of a non-participant.

(7) Foreign-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity of a non-participant.

ITEM 112.

SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

In the event of problems or questions relative to these instructions, PPSOs should contact the appropriate area listed below:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DSN</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
Domestic Rates	SDPP-PO	328-3281	(703) 428-3281
Domestic Volume Moves	SDPP-PO	328-3281	(703) 428-3281